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In re application of:
Hong Hoa Cao et al DECISION ON PETITION
Serial No.: 09/578,429
Filed: May 25, 2000

For: SLIT TIP VENTRICULAR CATHETER

This is a decision on the petition received on June 7, 2002, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed August 11, 2000. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned October 12, 2000. The notice of abandonment was mailed May 8, 2002.

On June 7, 2002, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgment that the attorney responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts on October 2, 2000.

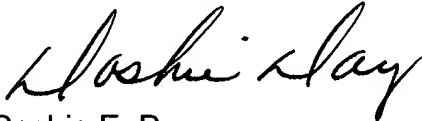
The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts on October 2, 2000.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

The fees to complete the above application will be charged to Deposit Account 10-0750.

The application has been completed for release to Technology Center 3762.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Doshie E. Day at (703) 308-3640.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doshie E. Day".

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